



NEWS RELEASE

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SR-243 ESCORT HOURS HAVE CHANGED

BANNING- California Department of Transportation, Caltrans, will begin construction to repair damage to road signs and guardrail sustained from the Esparanza Fire along SR-243 on Friday, November 3, 2006.

Also beginning Friday, escorts will be available to all motorists from 5:00 am through 7:00 pm seven days a week until the repair work has been completed. A pilot car will be used for one-way travel along the ten-mile construction zone. Delays of up to one hour are possible. The route will be closed to all traffic from 8:00 pm to 5:00 am.

Caltrans asks for the public's patience as we work quickly to restore the roadway. A significant amount of work must be done as well as utility companies who are working to restore power to the area homes and businesses. Damage repairs consist of replacing 8,000 ft. of guardrail, 80 damaged drains, 372 roadside markers, 32 guide and regulatory signs, and a call box. Updates on the status of the work will be posted on the Caltrans website at www.caltrans8.info.

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